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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Stuart Shapiro on 12-22-2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In replacement paragraph filed on 5-20-2004 replacing paragraph on page 1, lines 6-15 of the specification;

at line 3 of the replacement paragraph, after "2001,"

--now USPN 7,090,658, -- has been inserted

at line 6 of the replacement paragraph after " liquids', "

--now USPN 6,824,528 -- has been inserted

Claims 34-35, 37 -38, and 74-76 are cancelled.

In claim 27;

at line 19;

After " (b.2)";

"receiving" has been deleted

--engaging-- has been inserted

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After "sensor";

"between" has been deleted

-- with -- has been inserted

At line 2, after "proximate",

-- to --- has been inserted.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not show or suggest the methods of measuring temperature in a medical line using the various sensor connectors recited in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark W. Bockelman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4941. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Layno can be reached on (571) 272 -4949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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